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HIT OR MISS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

AFTER a precocious babyhood in the 70's and 80's, lawn tennis went through a sickly youth, when even gloomy forebodings of an early death were predicted; but, having outgrown these early weaknesses, it suddenly came to its full strength, and its manhood is as virile as that of any game.

To lawn tennis must be conceded the honor of being the most cosmopolitan and the most widely known of all games for there are now few places in the habitable globe where it is not played. It means even more to continental nations than to America. Here it is one, and an important one, of many games played with a moving ball. Abroad it is practically the only existing one of these games, and therefore in the modern development of games it has been seized on with avidity by the athletic youth of these nations.

It is a mere commonplace to say that there is a "boom" in lawn tennis. The demand for courts, the enormous entries for the tournaments of the season, the crowds that flock to see the championships at Newport are all convincing testimony. It is equally unnecessary to point out at this time of day the many merits of the game, especially for busy men, for it combines nearly all the advantages imaginable, which may be summed up as plenty of competitive enjoyment and good exercise to be obtained in a short time.

Pioneers and Modern Masters.

Whether the greatest modern players are better than those of the past is a debatable question, but one which speculation and comparison can bring no certain answer. The great players of the past were largely players of the "pat-ball," and the discovery and invention of new methods, new strokes, new services have all led to a speeding-up of the game. The old irreverent name of "pat-ball" has deservedly almost died out, and though a soft ball can never be hit with quite the same joyous delight as a hard one, especially in a court whose limits must preclude the full half-volley, yet how hard the lawn tennis ball can be hit within limits is quite astonishing.

The service and smashing of McLaughlin, the general pace, the relentless and pitiless accuracy of Wilding's game, the brilliance of the methods of some of the French and German school, the delivery of placing of some of the older players, the perfection of footwork of Parky, the cleverness of combination of some double players all proclaim it a brilliant game. A hard five-set single of today belies successfully such contemptuous sneers as "Let Indian rubber pellets dance on grass where female arts the ruder sex surpass."

Natural Ability and Practice.

Between first-class lawn tennis of the brilliant type and the lowest rung of the ladder there is a wider gulf than at most games, and lawn tennis can be the most feeble and futile of things. Natural and inherited ball game ability counts, of course, and counts for a great deal. The greatest players have the genius for it in them and have learned it and thought it out for themselves. But even they have not become great or even good without long practice and hard work. There never has been and never will be a really "dark horse" at lawn tennis. Nevertheless, it is a game where practice of the right method is of other to produce natural ability. There are players on the verge of Davis cup teams today whose natural physical abilities for all games are not conspicuous. What brain, practice, and perseverance can do for one man they can do for another, and no one need despair of improvement.

CROSS AND MARSHALL "Y" TENNIS WINNERS

Cross and Marshall were the winners in the tennis matches yesterday afternoon. Cross took his two sets from Hatch 6-1 and 9-7. Marshall was not pushed in his match with Johnston and won with the same score in both sets, 6-1.

These two men meet this afternoon at 4:30 in the second round. "Camp and Littlejohn" furnish the other match.



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RITCHIE-WELSH MILL IN LONDON ON JULY FOURTH

For the first time in many years, a boxing match that is international beyond dispute will take place when Willie Ritchie, champion lightweight of the world, and Freddie Welsh, holder of the English title by virtue of his decision over Mat Wells, meet in a twenty-round bout before the Olympia Club in London on the Fourth of July.

There is many a slip twixt the cup and the lip, it is true, and with so many tangles and postponements, one can't blame the sporting world for wondering whether there will be still another bit of worry. However, with Ritchie on the high seas, the worst of the hurdles seems to have been passed, and if Ritchie has taken the precaution to have all of the details observed and the forfeits posted, there is really no reason for further delays.

Oddly enough, the match is to take place on the one greatest holiday of the United States, the anniversary of the independence of this country from foreign rule.

Curiously enough, as well, the fate lines of Ritchie and Welsh have crossed and recrossed until one might almost say it has been more than a coincidence. As you will remember, it was really through Welsh that Ritchie was brought to the front prominently.

Up to the Welsh match in Los Angeles, Ritchie was little more than an ordinary boy of the four-round game, promising, to be sure, and yet not otherwise marked. Persistence was his chief virtue and through the stick-to-itiveness that brought him into the ring on every possible occasion to be introduced, Ritchie was more or less widely known in local circles.

Willie was sparring partner to Pac-Man and when the Chicagoan was training for Tommy Murphy. At the same time, Wolgast was stricken with appendicitis and on twenty-four hours' notice, Promoter Tom McCarey was without an opponent for Freddie Welsh. With no definite understanding, Ritchie jumped a train for Los Angeles and showed up at McCarey's headquarters. There was the usual dickering for terms and even when Ritchie went to the arena it was far from settled. Remember that Ritchie was a novice pure and simple. He didn't win, but it was considered at the time an achievement of no small moment.

Indeed, it made Ritchie. Following that, the champion-to-be went East and finally took Joe Mandot into camp decisively in a no-decision ten-round bout in New Orleans. Came the four-round bout with Wolgast and finally the championship match itself. All of which, as you can see for yourself, hinged on the ability of an untitled boy to stand twenty rounds against Welsh, then in his prime and considered quite strong enough a card to send against Ad Wolgast.

Later the paths of the same boys crossed when the Vancouver, B. C., match was arranged. The outcome of that affair caused a world of discussion. Ritchie, seeing he had no real prospects of forcing the promoters to go through with their offer, left Vancouver in a hurry. Naturally this called down upon his head a certain amount of condemnation from people who did not fully understand conditions.

And until the night before the California boy sailed, there was still much doubt for the disagreements continued. However, the troubles are no further delays, for there has been quite enough time to straighten out the last possible cause for a hitch of any sort.

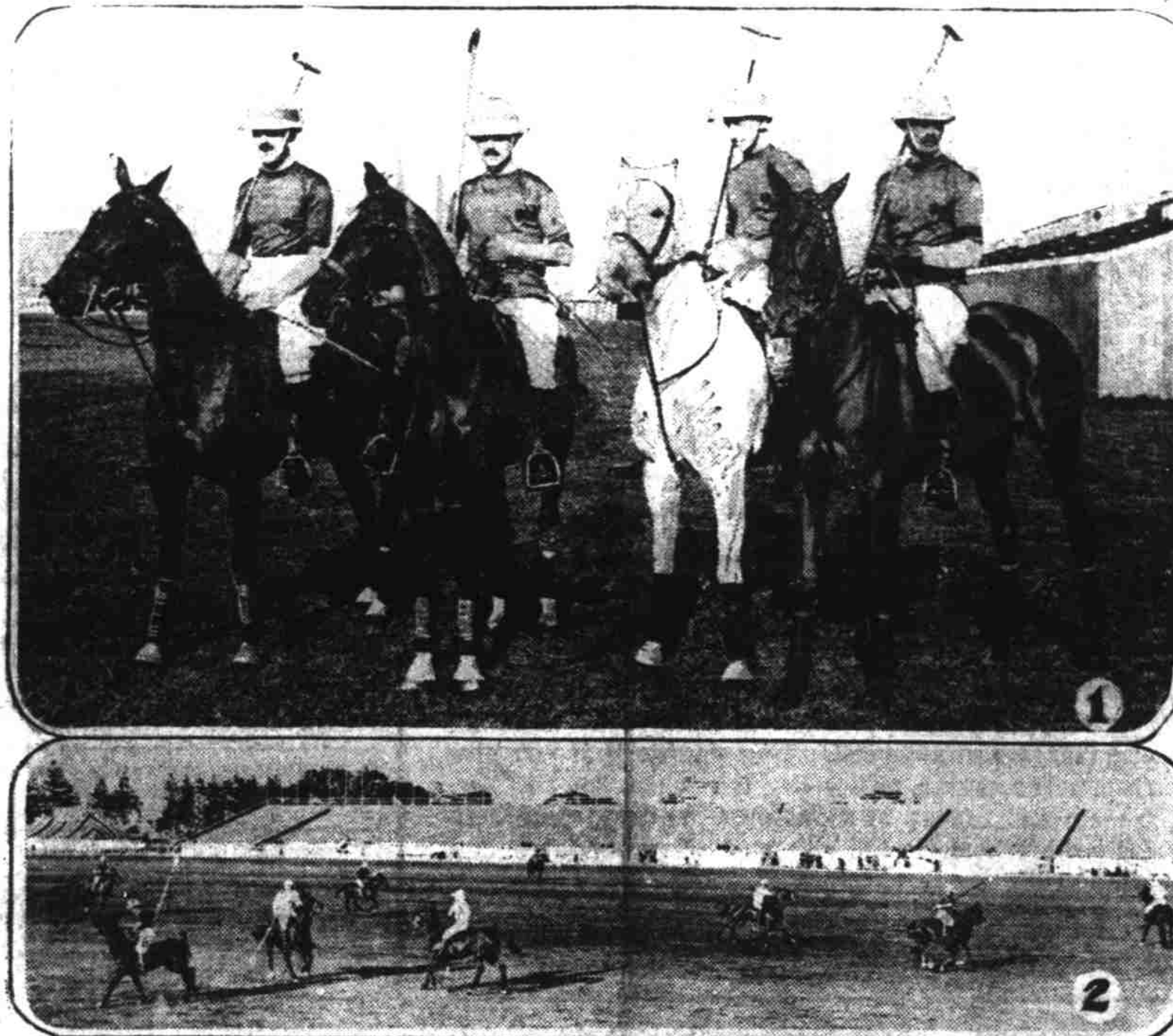
How the Rules Will Work Out. In this country, discussion as to the outcome of the bout hinges chiefly on the proposition of whether the rules in England, which call for clean breaks and no hitting in the clinches, will be of any decided advantage to Welsh.

Indeed, if the match were slated for San Francisco the chances are that Ritchie would be an overwhelming favorite. On the other hand, with new rules to govern, there is room for debate. Welsh is deemed the clever boxer of the jab and set away type, rather than the out and out fighter of the aggressive school. He is certainly more experienced as a boxer than Ritchie, and on the surface it might easily appear that the rules would be a distinct advantage to him.

To the writer's mind this is not so much of a handicap as a lot of people think. While it is true that Ritchie has developed a style of working in the clinches and coming out of them, he has always done good execution at long range.

The champion himself, and he seems to have given the subject considerable thought, is not perturbed over the task of beating Welsh, nor in the east, I am thoroughly acquainted with him. "I have talked the matter over with myself from every angle," he said to a San Francisco newspaperman one day before he left on his last eastern trip, "and I can't see that Welsh will have any advantage. I know that Welsh has been a great student of wrestling and I don't think the English rules will avail him anything. Then, too, having boxed more or less in the east, I am thoroughly acquainted with the clean break style and will

FIRST INTERNATIONAL POLO MATCH WAS PLAYED SOME TIME AGO--600 B. C.



1-ENGLISH POLO TEAM. 2-PRACTICE GAME BEFORE BIG MATCH.

INTERNATIONAL polo was a recognized sporting feature some 2500 years ago, and that being the case national titles have changed hands so often that America needn't cry very long over her vanished glory. It isn't the first time that one country has been licked by another on the polo field, not by a long shot.

Delving into the history of the game, The Nation prints the following interesting sketch:

Chugan (mailed), as the Persians called polo, flourished under their Sassanid kings, under the Byzantine emperors at Constantinople, and under the invading dynasties that ruled India and introduced the game. At the court of Akbar it helped in the training of cavalry officers. From India it has spread throughout the world; in ancient times through Tibet into China and Japan; in modern times, adopted by the English, through the western world. In Tibet polo lingered in a somewhat primitive form, and it was

from the adjacent region, Manipur and Gilgit, that English tea and indigo planters first had knowledge of the game. The Tibetan pulu (ball) was the derivative Anglo-Indians used for the modern name. Since then Australia, South America, Egypt, South Africa, and the Philippines are among the countries familiar with what, in the twelfth century, the Greek emperor Manuel Comnenus, and his Byzantine princes played as *tmfwpvbskij* which retains the original Persian name, suggesting definite rules and a regular field for play.

But it is to the Persian Homer, Ferdousi (940-1020), and his immortal epic, the "Shahnama" ("Book of Kings") that we turn for glowing description, as well as for the first record of an international match. In 600 B. C. the exiled Prince Seavish, with seven Iranians, amazed Afrasiab, King of Turan, with whom he took refuge by the ease with which he defeated his Turkish team.

The "Shahnama" also states that Gushtasp (Hydaspes) was expert at

polo; his clouts caused the ball "to vanish among the clouds." Besides these references, the "Shahnama" contains a delightful episode of recognition. Shapur was born during his mother's term of disfavor, and hearing that he has a heir, King Ardashir (226-241) commands a polo match, and from a number of well-favored youths recognizes his son by the daring and brilliancy of his play. Ouseley thinks he saw this incident of Shapur's recognition in a ruined sculpture near Persepolis. Nizami, another Persian poet, records a game played by the Amazons of his time. The beautiful Shirin, dear to Persian romance, played with her handmaidens against a team composed of the king and his courtiers.

The picture above does not show Prince Seavish's crack team, which defeated King Afrasiab's team, for the "Turkish Trophy." It shows the four stalwart Britishers who lifted the present international trophy from the American four at Meadowbrook, ten days ago.

TIN AND BRASS STRONGER THAN SILK AND SATIN

Last Saturday the boys of the hardware department of T. H. Davies & Co. lured the team from the dry goods into Mollili ball park and there did dire things to them, with baseball bats. Score 8 to 0.

Twice the dry goods team got a man as far as third, but whenever this occurred Willie Hollinger and his agate were infield would tighten up. Next Saturday the cloth boys expect to turn the tables.

The line-up was as follows:
Hardware—Hicks 2b, Hollinger p, Joseph c, Nett 1b, Boyd ss, Morton rf, Marques 3b, Gouveia cf, Turner lf, Dry Goods—Kajapona p, Clark lf, Holokai 2b-ss, Horn c, Gunn rf, Gomes 3b, Koko 2b-ss, Rawlins 1b, Opio cf.

Score by innings:
Hardware 1 0 1 0 4 0 0 2-8
Dry Goods 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0
Summary: Hits, few; errors, some; Umpire, Fred Walker; scorer, A. J. Porter; attendance, Olmstead; time, 1 hr. 40 min.

After Effects

"You say you had a corking good time last night?"

"Yes."
"Judging from the way you look this morning, it must have been an uncorking good time."—Baltimore Sun.

As a result of extended experiments the department of agriculture announces that eggs can be successfully marketed by parcels post.

President Wilson informed congressmen that he had no intention of taking part in the prohibition fight in the house of representatives.

not be bothered. I am willing to measure my wits with him."

So far as youth is concerned and punching ability, Ritchie has a tremendous lead over Freddie, who can't be accused of being exactly a youngster in the game, nor of being a heavy hitter.

The combination of a clever boxer opposed to an aggressive rag general such as the Californian ought to give the sporting public of England the biggest sort of a treat from a pugilistic standpoint.

TODAY'S MAJOR LEAGUE RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Chicago—Chicago 5, Detroit 2.
At St. Louis—First game: St. Louis 5, Cleveland 4; second game, unfinished.

At New York—First game: Boston 3, New York 0; second game: New York 3, Boston 2.

At Philadelphia—First game: Washington 4, Philadelphia 3; second game: Washington 2, Philadelphia 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At Cincinnati—Chicago 11, Cincinnati 5.
At Pittsburgh—St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 0.

At Philadelphia—Brooklyn 0, Philadelphia 2; second game: Brooklyn 1, Philadelphia 6.
At Boston—New York 3, Boston 7; second game: New York 4, Boston 0.

How They Stand

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
(Including Yesterday's Games)

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	33	20	.623
Cincinnati	31	27	.534
St. Louis	31	30	.508
Chicago	29	29	.500
Pittsburgh	26	27	.491
Philadelphia	26	27	.491
Brooklyn	23	29	.442
Boston	22	32	.407

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
(Including Yesterday's Games)

	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	35	23	.603
Detroit	34	28	.553
Washington	33	27	.550
St. Louis	32	27	.542
Boston	30	30	.500
Chicago	29	31	.483
New York	21	34	.382
Cleveland	21	37	.362

PROTEST OF COAST DEFENSE OVERRULED

Following the Army league game at Schofield yesterday there was a meeting of the representatives on the Army league committee from the 1st Infantry, 2d Infantry, 4th Cavalry and 1st Field Artillery, to decide whether or not the game between the Coast Artillery and the 25th Infantry played June 13 and won by the latter team,

SOLDIER SECOND TEAM TRIMS THE REGIMENTAL NINE

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, June 25.—The second team of the 25th Infantry trimmed the first team to the tune of 9 to 8 Monday afternoon. The game was played as a result of a challenge by a team composed of aspirants for positions on the regimental team, and as a result of their defeat the latter team are required by agreement to give a party to their victors.

Though the second team made more errors and fewer hits by one than the first team, they tightened up at critical moments and were able to connect with the ball at times when a hit would count.

The regimental team was ahead until the 8th inning, making 6 runs in the first three innings off of Scott, but were unable to do much with Dunlap's offerings during the last six frames. Dunlap pitched star ball for the second team.

When the 8th inning opened the score was 8 to 6 in favor of the first team. McDonald who was in the box allowed a number of hits and with ragged support behind him for the fraction of a minute, the second team chased across the three needed runs to win the game.

Second Team—Cross, c; Scott, p-cf; Amos, 1b; Smith, 2b; Johnson, 2b; Ramsay, ss; Rhodes, 3b; Dandridge, lf; Dunlap, cf-p; Palmer, rf.

First Team—Swinton, c; McDonald, p; C. Smith, 1b; Cullens, 2b; Williamson, ss; Collins, 3b; Woods, lf; Washington, cf; Phillips, rf.

A large crowd attended the game and the cheering could be heard all over the post.

7 to 3, should be thrown out and played over again, on account of a protest by the Coast Artillery. After a careful examination of all the evidence submitted by both sides, the committee decided that the game should stand as a game of the series. According to the rules of the league this decision is final.

Indications point toward an excuse of satin for fall dresses, to succeed in a measure the now favored taffetas. Among the novelties promised are woolback satins suitable for suitings.

GOVERNOR TENER PITCHES AGAINST THE ALL-CHINESE

What with boosting Hawaii, attending banquets, seeing the educational sights of the country, and incidentally playing about a game a day, the traveling Chinese ball players are certainly leading the life strenuous. They are getting their bumps, from all accounts, but considering the long jumps and constant traveling, the showing of the team taken as a whole, is highly creditable.

A good idea of what the Honolulu boys' daily program consists of, is obtained from a letter dated Bellefonte, Pa., June 10, just received by Pung En Fee from his brother En Sue. In part it is as follows:
"It is three months since we left home, and we have been in New York, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and other small eastern cities. We played two games in New York city, winning one and losing one. We beat Columbia University on Decoration Day, 4 to 2 and then lost to the Cypress Hill team, 8 to 2. This team we defeated three times last year, but this year we found that they had hired four extra players to strengthen their team, and they proved too much for us."

"From New York we beat back to Pittsburgh on the eve of May 31, a ride of 500 miles, arriving at 9 a. m. June 1. We played that afternoon and lost to Duquesne university, 3 to 1. From here we went to Indiana, Pa., and beat the Penn. State Normal school, 11 to 2. Apau pitched. From Indiana we went to Breckenridge, Pa., and played a twilight game, which started at 6 o'clock. Kekoa pitched and we lost, 7 to 4. From there we went to Vandergrift, Pa., playing the Vandergrift team, which also beat us, 2 to 1. The game was called on account of rain, so we still had a chance to win."

"In this town we visited the largest sheet and plate mill in the world. The manager of the ball team showed us through the plant, which employs 10,000 men."

"The team then jumped over to Maryland, and we lost again to St. Mary's college, 4 to 2."

"Saturday, June 6, we played at Camden, N. J., where we beat the Camden Athletic club 9 to 1. With Foster in the box. Sunday afternoon we played just across the river at Elizabethtown and lost a 10 inning game, 7 to 0. Apau pitched. On Monday, June 8, we played Lehigh university, at South Bethlehem, and won, 5 to 3. Foster pitched."

"Yesterday we played and defeated Penn State college, 8 to 6, before the largest crowd to see any of our college games this season, about 5000 people. It was commencement day, and many old grads who attended the reunion saw the game. Governor Tener of Pennsylvania, president of the National League, pitched the first ball of the game."

"From State college we came this morning to Bellefonte, about 20 miles, by rail, and here we are when this letter closes."

"The team has played to date 75 games, winning 50, losing 25, and tying 2."

OFFICERS WILL PLAY CLUBMEN AT SHAFTER

Next Saturday following the Army league game between the 1st and 2d Infantry regiments at Fort Shafter, the officers' all-army team that was defeated by the University club at Schofield Barracks nearly three weeks ago, will play a return game with the ex-college players.

The team to represent the University club will be selected by Mr. A. L. Castle, while the army team will be selected by Lieuts. Saunders, O'Hara and Lyman from the officers at Schofield Barracks, Coast Artillery posts and Fort Shafter respectively. Both teams are expected to be composed of practically the same players as upon the occasion of the first game.

CURED.

Tibbits MacGee awoke that morning with such a pain in the chest that he had to use both arms to dress himself.

By breakfast time it was no better. "I've heard a Turkish bath is good for a thing like this," said MacGee.

"I think I'll take one."
At McPlumpey & Cohen's Turkish baths he was first laid on an ice cold tombstone and slapped by an exasperated Turk until he promised himself never to spank his little son again.

Then he was pushed forcibly into a small room without doors or windows to escape by a 13 horse power fire hose turned on him until the water gave out.

After that he was strung up by the heels and paddled with a carpet beater to induce circulation.

When circulation had been induced to the rate of a mile a minute, the entire working force of seven Turks seized him and played medicine ball with him for 25 minutes.

The pain in his chest was gone forever.

Many beautiful floral offerings distinguished the funeral—New York Sun.

CAVALRY WINS NIP AND TUCK GAME FROM 2ND

ARMY LEAGUE.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
25th Infantry	7	1	.875
Coast Defense	6	2	.750
4th Cavalry	5	3	.625
2nd Infantry	2	5	.286
1st Infantry	2	6	.250
Field Artillery	1	6	.143

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]
4th Cavalry 5, 2nd Infantry 4.

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, June 25.—The Cavalry won a nip and tuck game from the doughboys from Fort Shafter yesterday afternoon, a game that was thrilling because it was close, and a game that was mighty well played by both teams after the fourth inning. The less said about the early part of the game the better, for it was not the brand of baseball that brings big crowds to the Athletic Park.

The Cavalry were the first to score when Duncan made an easy trip around the bases in the first inning. First he was hit by the pitcher, went to second on an error, stole third and came home on Lerwitz' wild throw.

The 2nd Infantry tied the score in the second frame, Burton bringing in the run, as the result of a series of errors contributed by the local team. Both teams scored two runs in the fourth inning and the score was again tied.

From the fifth inning on it was a pitcher's battle between Burton for the Cavalry and Sloan for the Infantry, with glib-edged support by both teams. Burton was working hard for every man that came to the bat and with very good success. Sloan seemed to be taking things easy, and delivering a slow ball that was always hit, but either in the air or slowly along the ground. He struck out no one after the second inning. He delivered but three balls in the fifth inning, all three of which were hit to Sterquel on second base for easy outs. In the seventh he repeated this performance, two going to Sterquel for assists and one a fly to center field.

The two second basemen, Sterquel and Bachus, were the shining lights of their teams and played their position to perfection until the ninth, when Bachus fell down on his ninth chance and allowed the 2d Infantry to score a run which would have won the game had not Sterquel, in the last half of the same inning failed on his 12th chance and allowed the cavalry to score the two runs that did win the game.

The most sensational play of the game was Burton's one-hand drive in the eighth after Fitzpatrick's hot grounder, and perfect throw to first before recovering his balance, retiring the runner by a small fraction of a second.

The work of the umpires in this game was exceptionally good. Collins had an excellent eye for balls and strikes, and Hill was always close to the plays on the bases and in positions where he could make no mistake.

	AB	R	B	S	B	O	A	E
2d Inf.—Runs	4	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Bachus, cf	3	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
Dowsett, lf	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Furton, ss	4	2	0	0	3	1	0	0
Sterquel, 2b	4	0	1	0	4	7	1	0
Sloan, p	4	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
Zuwalski, cf	2	1	1	1	3	1	0	0
Bitwick, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lerwitz, 1b	3	0	0	0	13	0	1	0

Totals 34 4 5 1 26 14 5

	AB	R	B	S	B	O	A	E
4th Cavalry—	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Gramith, rf-3b	3	1	1	1	2	1	0	0
Duncan, c	3	1	1	1	2	1	0	0
Fitzpatrick, ss	4	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Renowski, cf	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oakes, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donaldson, 1b	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
Bachus, 2b	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bachus, 3b	4	2	3	1	4	1	0	0
Hynes, 1b	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Roberts, rf	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Button, p	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	0

Totals 32 5 7 2 27 14 5

*Two out in ninth when winning run was scored.

2d Inf.—Runs 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 1-4

Base hits 0 1 0 2 0 0 1 0 1-5

4th Cav.—Runs 1 0 0